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Public Act No. 14-117

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10a-1b of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(c) Upon recommendation of the president, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall appoint [a vice-president for each constituent unit with] two vice-presidents. One vice-president shall represent the Connecticut State University System and the other vice-president shall represent the regional community-technical college system. Each vice-president shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the board and president shall prescribe, so that each said constituent unit fulfills its mission. Such duties shall include, but not be limited to, oversight of academic programs, student support services and institutional support.

Sec. 2. Section 10a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

There shall be a state system of public higher education to consist of (1) The University of Connecticut and all campuses thereof, (2) the

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state colleges, which shall be known collectively as the Connecticut State University System, (3) the regional community-technical colleges, (4) [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, and (5) the staff of the Board of Regents for Higher Education as established pursuant to section 10a-1a. "Constituent units" as used in the general statutes means those units in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this section.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10a-6 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall: (1) Establish state-wide policy and guidelines for Connecticut's system of public higher education; (2) develop a master plan for higher education and postsecondary education, consistent with the goals in subsection (b) of this section; (3) establish state-wide tuition and student fee policies; (4) monitor and evaluate institutional effectiveness and viability in accordance with criteria established by the board; (5) merge or close institutions within the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College in accordance with criteria established by the board, provided (A) such recommended merger or closing shall require a two-thirds vote of the board and (B) notice of such recommended merger or closing shall be sent to the committee having cognizance over matters relating to education and to the General Assembly; (6) review and approve mission statements for the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College and role and scope statements for the individual institutions and campuses of such constituent units; (7) review and approve any recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs submitted to the board by the state colleges

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within the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical colleges and [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, and, in consultation with the affected constituent units, provide for the initiation, consolidation or termination of academic programs. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall notify the board of trustees affected by the proposed termination of an academic program. Within ninety days of receipt of such notice, said trustees shall accept or reject the termination proposal and shall notify the Board of Regents for Higher Education of its action. If the termination proposal is rejected by the trustees, the Board of Regents for Higher Education may override the rejection by a two-thirds vote; (8) develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality in programs and institutions and enforce standards through licensing and accreditation; (9) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with section 10a-8, as amended by this act, consolidated operating and capital expenditure budgets for public higher education developed in accordance with the provisions of said section 10a-8; (10) review and make recommendations on plans received from the constituent unit boards of trustees for the continuing development and maximum utilization of the state's public higher education resources; (11) appoint advisory committees to assist in defining and suggesting solutions for the problems and needs of higher education; (12) establish an advisory council for higher education with representatives from public and private institutions to study methods and proposals for coordinating efforts of all such institutions in providing a stimulating and enriched educational environment for the citizens of the state, including measures to improve educational opportunities through alternative and nontraditional approaches such as external degrees and credit by examination; (13) coordinate programs and services throughout public higher education and between public and independent institutions, including procedures to evaluate the impact on independent institutions of higher education of proposals affecting public

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institutions of higher education; (14) make or enter into contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its responsibilities under this part, provided all acquisitions of real estate by lease or otherwise shall be subject to the provisions of section 4b-23; (15) be responsible for the care and maintenance of permanent records of institutions of higher education dissolved after September 1, 1969; (16) prepare and present to the Governor and General Assembly legislative proposals affecting public higher education, including proposals which utilize programs and facilities of independent institutions of higher education; (17) develop and maintain a central higher education information system and establish definitions and data requirements for the state system of higher education; (18) report all new programs and program changes to the Office of Higher Education; and (19) undertake such studies and other activities as will best serve the higher educational interests of the state.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10a-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The provisions of sections 4-77 and 4-78 shall not apply to the constituent units of the state system of higher education, and for the purposes of said sections only, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall be deemed the budgeted agency for the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and Charter Oak State College. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop a formula or program-based budgeting system to be used by each institution in preparing operating budgets. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall prepare a single budget request itemized by the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical college system and [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College using the formula or program-based budgeting system and shall submit such

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budget request displaying all operating funds to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in accordance with sections 4-77 and 4-78, subject to procedures developed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education and approved by said secretary. The budget request shall set forth, in the form prescribed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, a proposed expenditure plan which shall include: (1) The total amount requested for such appropriation account; (2) the amount to be appropriated from the General Fund; and (3) the amount to be paid from the tuition revenues of the regional community-technical college system and the Connecticut State University System. After review and comment by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the proposed expenditure plans shall be incorporated into the single public higher education budget request including recommendations, if any, by said board. Any tuition increase proposed by the regional community-technical college system and the Connecticut State University System for the fiscal year to which the budget request relates shall be included in the single public higher education budget request submitted by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for such fiscal year, provided if the General Assembly does not appropriate the amount requested by any such system, such system may increase tuition and fees by an amount greater than that included in the budget request in response to which the appropriation was made. The General Assembly shall make appropriations directly to the constituent units. Allotment reductions made pursuant to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 4-85 shall be applied by the Board of Regents for Higher Education among the appropriations to the constituent units without regard to the limitations on reductions provided in said section, except that said limitations shall apply to the total of the amounts appropriated. The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall apply such reductions after consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any reductions of more than five per cent of the appropriations of any constituent units shall be submitted to the

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appropriations committee which shall, within thirty days, approve or reject such reduction.

Sec. 5. Subsection (b) of section 10a-25i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(b) The constituent units of the state system of higher education, not including [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, are authorized to solicit, receive and maintain funds from private sources to be used for the centers of excellence.

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10a-35a of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) Notwithstanding sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall have the authority, in accordance with the provisions of said sections 10a-34 to 10a-35, inclusive, over academic degrees awarded by the state colleges within the Connecticut State University System, the regional community-technical colleges and [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, including the (1) operation of such public institutions of higher education and the programs offered by such public institutions of higher education, (2) licensure and accreditation of such public institutions of higher education and programs offered by such public institutions of higher education, (3) evaluation and approval of applications to confer academic degrees made by such public institutions of higher education, and (4) assessment of any violation by such public institutions of higher education of the authority of said board as described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this section and the imposition of a penalty for such violation.

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Sec. 7. Section 10a-80d of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

An adjunct faculty member of a regional community-technical college or Charter Oak State College shall be permitted to irrevocably waive membership in a Connecticut retirement plan not later than sixty days after commencing employment with such regional community-technical college or Charter Oak State College. Once the adjunct faculty member waives membership in a Connecticut retirement plan, such faculty member is no longer eligible to elect to participate in a Connecticut retirement plan in any subsequent part-time employment with the regional community-technical college system, [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any other constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1, as amended by this act.

Sec. 8. Section 3-27a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

There is hereby created a Short Term Investment Fund to be administered by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer may sell participation certificates of the Short Term Investment Fund for investment to the General Fund, bond funds, the Special Transportation Fund, the Local Bridge Revolving Fund, the Educational Excellence Trust Fund, the Residential Property Tax Revaluation Relief Fund, the Municipal Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund, the Special Abandoned Property Fund, trust funds administered by the Treasurer and all such other funds the moneys of which by law the Treasurer is responsible for investing. Said participation certificates shall bear and pay such interest and be issued subject to such terms and conditions as shall be determined and established by the State Treasurer. The interest derived from the investment or reinvestment of funds of The University of Connecticut Operating Fund and The

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University of Connecticut Health Center Operating Fund, The University of Connecticut Research Foundation, The University of Connecticut Health Center Research Foundation, the Connecticut State University System Operating Fund, the Connecticut State University System Research Foundation, and the Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund, as authorized by sections 10a-105, 10a-110a, 10a-130, 10a-99 and 10a-77, respectively, and the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State College educational services account, as authorized by section 10a-143, as amended by this act, shall be paid to each board or board of trustees respectively.

Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10a-25h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) In order to develop and further encourage excellence in public higher education, the boards of trustees of the constituent units of the state system of higher education, not including [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College, are hereby authorized to establish and administer centers to be known as Connecticut higher education centers of excellence. Appropriations to these centers shall be used for the development or enhancement of essential support for academic, research, or public service centers of excellence which have gained or may gain regional and national prominence or for libraries or equipment for present enhancement to existing programs deemed to have potential for excellence with such enhancement.

Sec. 10. Section 10a-143 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The Board of Regents for Higher Education, in concert with the state's institutions of higher education, shall study, develop and

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coordinate the implementation of new methods of awarding undergraduate degrees and college credits including but not limited to: (1) External degrees awarded on the basis of acceptable performance in an educational field whether or not the necessary education was obtained by the candidate at an institution of higher education, and (2) examinations and methods other than classroom instruction for determining qualifications. On or before July 1, 1993, each constituent unit of the state system of higher education shall establish procedures to award college credits pursuant to this subsection and subsection (e) of this section.

(b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall promulgate regulations to authorize accredited institutions of higher education to award degrees by such new procedures.

(c) [There shall continue to be a Board for State Academic Awards which] Charter Oak State College shall be an independent constituent unit of the state system of higher education with authority to grant undergraduate and graduate credits and degrees on the basis of (1) examinations, (2) courses offered by Charter Oak State College, and (3) other forms of evaluation and validation of learning including transfer of credit. Said [board] college is authorized to use the term "Charter Oak State College" on diplomas and other documents and utterances to affirm the status of the [board] college as a degree-granting institution of higher education. It shall be the responsibility of the [board] college to serve the interest of all Connecticut residents by providing open access to academic credentials which are based on a consensus of professional judgment. The purpose of such credentials shall be to identify and give recognition to higher learning acquired by individuals through independent study, work experience and programs of noncollegiate educational activity.

[(d) Beginning on January 1, 2012, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall serve as the Board for State Academic Awards. The

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members of the Board for State Academic Awards in office on June 30, 2011, shall remain in office to provide assistance in transitioning duties and responsibilities to the Board of Regents for Higher Education during the period of July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011. For the transition period of July 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011, any action of the Board for State Academic Awards shall not be final until ratified by the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Until December 31, 2011, the Board for State Academic Awards shall consist of nine persons, eight to be appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity; one of whom shall be an alumnus of Charter Oak State College; and one to be elected by the students enrolled in Charter Oak State College. On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint two members of the board for a term of two years from said date, two members for a term of four years from said date and one member for a term of six years from said date. On or before July 1, 1984, the Governor shall appoint one member for a term of three years from said date. On or before July 1, 1996, the Governor shall appoint two members, one for a term of five years from said date and one for a term of one year from said date. Thereafter the Governor shall appoint members of said board to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, such members to serve for terms of six years each from July first in the year of their appointment. On or before November 1, 1984, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled with the board shall, in such manner as the board shall determine, elect one member of the board, who shall serve for a term of two years from November first in the year of his election. No member of said board, appointed by the Governor, shall be an employee of an institution of postsecondary or higher education. No member who has served consecutively for two full terms or portions thereof may again be appointed until two years have passed. The Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-9a, appoint the chairperson of the board. The board shall, annually, elect from its members such other officers as it deems necessary. The Governor shall fill any vacancies in

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the membership of said board by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of said board shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses in the course of their duties. The board shall meet at least once during each calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary or upon the request of a majority of members in office. Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from office.]

[(e) (1) The Board for State Academic Awards] (d) (1) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop and implement programs at Charter Oak State College to improve opportunities in higher education through alternative modes of service, including, but not limited to, guidance and information services, registration and validation services, examination and degree-granting services, technological delivery systems, and projects of research and development. [With respect to its own operation the board may appoint and remove an executive director, who shall be the] The board may appoint a chief academic and administrative officer [.] and a professional academic staff of Charter Oak State College. The board may appoint and remove executive staff responsible for the operation of [the Board for State Academic Awards] Charter Oak State College. The board may determine the size of the academic staff and the duties, terms, and conditions of employment of said director and staff. The board shall establish through appointments on an adjunct basis a faculty of consulting examiners at Charter Oak State College to make recommendations as to requirements and standards of the [board's] college's programs and to make recommendations for the award of academic undergraduate and graduate credits and degrees. Persons serving as members of the faculty of consulting examiners shall have appropriate professional qualifications as determined by the board and

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may hold professional appointments in active status at accredited institutions of postsecondary or higher learning. Within the limit of appropriations, the board shall fix the compensation of persons serving with adjunct appointment as members of the faculty of consulting examiners. The board shall confer such undergraduate and graduate certificates and degrees as are appropriate to programs of postsecondary and higher learning at Charter Oak State College and in accordance with the recommendations of the board's faculty of consulting examiners on the basis of (A) examinations, (B) courses offered by Charter Oak State College, and (C) other forms of validation and evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit. The board shall assist public institutions of higher education in establishing and implementing procedures to award college credits pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall develop a mission statement for Charter Oak State College which shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements: (A) The educational needs of, and constituencies served by [the board] said college; (B) the degrees offered by [the board] said college; and (C) the role and scope of the programs offered by [the board] said college.

[(f)] (e) The board shall fix fees for examinations and for such other purposes as the board deems necessary on behalf of Charter Oak State College and may make refunds and other disposition of same as provided by law or regulation. The board may make contracts, leases or other agreements in connection with its responsibilities.

[(g) The Board for State Academic Awards] (f) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish and administer a fund to be known as the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund, which shall be a separate account within the General Fund. The

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operating fund shall be used for the expenses of [the board] Charter Oak State College, including personnel expenses and equipment, and for the support of [board] college activities pursuant to this section, including validation and evaluation of learning, guidance and public information services, projects of research and development for the improvement of learning materials and the technology of delivery systems, and for the purchase of such services, materials and equipment as are required for use in connection with said activities. Appropriations from general revenues of the state, all fees and proceeds of the board's activities on behalf of Charter Oak State College, including grants and donations, not required by statute or regulation to be deposited to the credit of the General Fund, shall be credited to and become a part of the resources of said operating fund. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in said operating fund. Not later than sixty days after the close of each quarter, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the Office of Higher Education and the Office of Policy and Management a report on the actual expenditures of the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education for Charter Oak State College Operating Fund.

[(h) The Board for State Academic Awards] (g) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall promote fund-raising to assist [its] Charter Oak State College's programs pursuant to this section and shall report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education by January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on such fund-raising.

Sec. 11. Section 10a-143a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) (1) [The Board for State Academic Awards] The Board of Regents

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for Higher Education shall establish a permanent Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State College to encourage donations from the private sector, with an incentive in the form of an endowment fund state grant, the net earnings on the principal of which are dedicated and made available to Charter Oak State College for scholarships and programmatic enhancements. The fund shall be administered by the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education or by a nonprofit entity entrusted for such purpose and qualified as a Section 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, and preferably constituted and controlled independent of the state and college so as to qualify the interest on state bonds the proceeds of which have been granted for deposit in the endowment fund as excludable from federal taxation under such code and shall, in any event, be held in a trust fund separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the state and the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education. There shall be deposited into the fund: (A) Endowment fund eligible gifts; (B) endowment fund state grants; and (C) interest or other earnings from the investment of moneys in the endowment fund pending transfer or use of earnings on the principal of the fund for the purposes identified in this subdivision.

(2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State College a grant in an amount equal to half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary

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of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the executive director of the Office of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

(B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State College a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided in this subdivision, received by or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the executive director of the Office of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors during the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received. Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for two or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision and that are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total

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amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received through the commitment.

(C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts received by Charter Oak State College exceeds the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state matching grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year.

(3) The [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall adopt, by October 1, 1997, guidelines with respect to (A) the solicitation of endowment fund eligible gifts from private donors, and (B) governing the acceptance of gifts made by a foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e and 4-37f, to Charter Oak State College or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures or payment of expenditures on behalf of Charter Oak State College or its employees. Private donations shall not be construed to include proceeds of municipal grants.

(b) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Endowment fund eligible gift" means a gift to or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College of cash or assets which may be reduced to cash or which has a value that is ascertainable by such college which the donor has specifically

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designated for deposit in the endowment fund or which explicitly or implicitly by the terms of the gift Charter Oak State College may and does deposit or permit to be deposited in the endowment fund. (2) "Endowment fund state grant" means moneys that are transferred by the Office of Higher Education from the fund established pursuant to section 10a-8b to the endowment fund established pursuant to this section in an aggregate amount not exceeding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment. (3) "Endowment fund state grant maximum commitment" means an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for each fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive.

(c) Notwithstanding the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment level provided for each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the total of the endowment fund state grant maximum commitments for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2014, inclusive, shall not exceed nine hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 12. Section 10a-143b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

The [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education shall establish, on behalf of Charter Oak State College and within available appropriations, innovative on-line teacher and higher education faculty training programs on the integration of technology into the public school curriculum and courses at public institutions of higher education in order to improve student learning. On and after July 1, 2001, the training program established for public school teachers shall be consistent with the standards developed pursuant to section 4d-85.

Sec. 13. Section 10a-149 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

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In addition to other powers granted in the general statutes, authority and responsibility for the operation of the state's public institutions of higher education shall be vested in (1) the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut which shall have exclusive responsibility for programs leading to doctoral degrees and postbaccalaureate professional degrees, with the exception of education doctoral degree programs, (2) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System which shall have special responsibility for the preparation of personnel for the public schools of the state including master's degree programs, education doctoral degree programs, including an education doctoral degree program in nursing education, and other graduate study in education, and authority for providing liberal arts and career programs at the bachelors, masters and sixth year level, (3) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges which shall have responsibility for providing programs, as enumerated in section 10a-80, leading, where appropriate, to an associate degree or occupational certificate and programs leading to the degree of associate in applied science and such other appropriate degrees or certificates as are approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education and for such terminal vocational retraining and continuing education programs leading to occupational certificates as are appropriate, and (4) the [Board for State Academic Awards] Board of Regents for Higher Education which shall have responsibility for the award of external degrees and credits earned at Charter Oak State College by examination and by other forms of validation and by evaluation of learning, including transfer of credit; provided the authority of the Boards of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut State University System and the Community-Technical Colleges to award degrees of the respective institutions shall not be affected.

Approved June 6, 2014